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FOOD COUNCIL SESSIONS

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1. THE ONLY VIEWS THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED THUS FAR
OTHER THAN THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES ARE THOSE OF THE UNITED
KINGDOM. UNITED KINGDOM PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE ON CONFIDENTIAL
BASIS SHOWED THESE TO U.S. REPRESENTATIVE. UK ENDORSES WFC
DESIRE FOR FULL FUNDING OF ITS STAFF BY UNITED NATIONS HEAD-
QUARTERS. ON PROCEDURES, IT SUGGESTS WFC SESSIONS BE RUN IN
PARLIAMENTARY-STYLE INTERROGATION OF HEADS OF FAO, IBRD AND
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, WHEN THAT IS
ESTABLISHED, BY MINISTERS OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS.

2. COMMENT: ON PROCEDURES, UK PROPOSAL IS CLEARLY UNREALISTIC,
AND IS NOT FOCUSED ON QUESTION OF FUNCTIONS AND PURPOSES OF WORLD
FOOD COUNCIL. OUR OPINION IS THAT DISORDERLY PROCEDURES AND LOW
QUALITY OF FIRST TWO MEETINGS LED UK TO PROPOSE STANDARD PARLIA-
MENTARY PROCEDURES FAMILIAR TO THEM AND COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS,
BUT NOT COMPREHENSIBLE TO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND LACKING ACCOUNT

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FOR INTER-AGENCY RIVALRIES AND QUESTIONS ABOUT PECKING-ORDER.

3. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE HAS BRIEFED UK PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
ON U.S. PROPOSALS, IN HOPE THAT U.K. MAY BE MOVED IN THAT
DIRECTION.BEAUDRY

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